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Sir:

Applicants respectfully petition pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) for a one-month extension of time to file this Response to the Final Office Action mailed November 5, 2002. The extended period is set to expire on March 5, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the fee for a one-month extension of time.

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